

CHISPLUS

A SCHEME FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY UP TO RS 70,000/- FOR RSBY/CHIS Smart Card holders.

The number of persons suffering from critical illness is on the increase in Kerala due to a multiplicity of factors like life style changes, changes in diet and environmental factors. When potentially fatal diseases of the heart, kidney or cancer affect a poor person, not only is his/ her meager savings (if at all he/she has any) of his/her entire life drained off, he/she very often loses his/her livelihood. When the head of a family is affected by any of these diseases, the loss of livelihood has deleterious effect on the health and education of all members of the family especially small children and the aged. Medicines and surgical procedures for these fatal diseases are very costly and the poor cannot afford them. It is in this context that the Hon. Minister for Finance had announced in his budget speech for the current year that additional treatment facility up to Rs 70,000 will be provided to all RSBY/CHIS Smart Card holders belonging to BPL category who suffer from critical illness of heart, kidney, cancer etc.

Implementation of the Scheme

This scheme is not run with the assistance of the insurance company. On the contrary, it is a fully state government funded scheme. The scheme will be called CHIS PLUS and will be implemented by Chiak with the assistance of participating hospitals utilizing software developed by KELTRON. The

software is web based and it will be accessible to a participating hospital through an Id and Password. To begin with the following will be the participating hospitals where RSBY/CHIS card holders can get treatment facilities for these three fatal diseases.

CHIS PLUS
List of Approved Hospitals

DISTRICT	HOSPITAL IDENTIFIED FOR CHIS PLUS
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	GENERAL HOSPITAL, MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
KOLLAM	DISTRICT HOSPITAL
PATHANAMTHITTA	GENERAL HOSPITAL
ALAPPUZHA	GENERAL HOSPITAL, MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
KOTTAYAM	DISTRICT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
IDUKKI	DISTRICT HOSPITAL
ERNAKULAM	GENERAL HOSPITAL
THRISSUR	DISTRICT HOSPITAL, MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
PALAKKAD	DISTRICT HOSPITAL
MALAPPURAM	GENERAL HOSPITAL - MANJERI
KOZHIKODE	GENERAL HOSPITAL - KOZHIKODE (BEACH), MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL
WAYANAD	DISTRICT HOSPITAL - MANANTHAVADY
KANNUR	DISTRICT HOSPITAL
KASARGODE	GENERAL HOSPITAL

Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
Malabar Cancer Centre, Calicut
Sree Chithra Thirunal Institute of Medical Sciences

} Dates will be announced later.

A RSBY/CHIS card holder who suffers from any of the three fatal diseases will have to contact any of the above Hospitals for availing treatment facility. He has to produce his RSBY/CHIS card for registration under CHISPLUS. After this the RSBY/CHIS smart card will be handed back to the patient. The use of RSBY/CHIS card under CHISPLUS is limited to this purpose only.

As per the decision of the High Powered Supervisory Council package rates have been formulated for giving treatment under CHIS PLUS. The total value of the treatment dispensed to the patients under CHISPLUS will be reimbursed to the participating hospitals by Chiak after close scrutiny. The amount involved in the admitted claims will be transferred electronically to the RSBY/CHIS account of the hospital once in 15 days. The hospital wise money payable, transfer of money etc will be run through the software platform.

Contrary to the practice in RSBY-CHIS treatment, neither transportation allowance to the patients nor incentive to staff handling the scheme is envisaged under CHIS PLUS. Just like RSBY/CHIS, the CHISPLUS TREATMENT WILL BE in GENERALWARD only. The treatment under CHIS PLUS will be available to the RSBY/CHIS BPL

card holders only. The scheme WILL NOT be available to the CHIS APL Smart Card holders.

Many poor people do not go to hospitals for treatment due to the exorbitant cost of medicines and medical/surgical procedures. This accelerates the degeneration of the health of the poor patients thus shortening their lives unnecessarily. Their lives can be saved if only there is appropriate and timely medical intervention. The implementation of CHIS PLUS will certainly prevent a large number of premature deaths of poor people simply by providing treatment facilities to them through this cashless system of CHIS PLUS. The sense of security springing from the feeling that the Government will bear all expenses for the treatment of the fatal diseases will be of great psychological relief to the patients and their family members.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The implementation of the scheme will be monitored and evaluated by a committee consisting of the Principal Secretary (Labour and Rehabilitation), Secretary (Health), Executive Director, Chiak,

Secretary (Local Self Government) and Executive Director, Kudumbasree on a quarterly basis. The committee will also suggest remedial measures for improving the implementation of the scheme.

Kindly read the package rates for CHIS PLUS>>>>